



# 2007 Indiana Rural Summit

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## AGENDA

### Wednesday, November 14, 2007

- 10:00 - 10:10 am    **Welcome and Introductions**    **David Terrell**, Executive Director, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs  
*Illinois Street Ballroom*
- 10:10 - 10:30 am    **Keynote Speaker**    **Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.**  
*Illinois Street Ballroom*
- 10:30 - 11:15 am    **First Plenary Session - International & Regional Perspectives**  
*Illinois Street Ballroom*
- **Robert White**, State Director, USDA-Rural Development; and
  - **Charles Fluharty**, President Emeritus and Director of Policy Programs - Rural Policy Research Institute, Transatlantic Fellow - German Marshall Fund, Research Professor-Truman School of Public Affairs - University of Missouri.
- 11:15 - Noon    **Second Plenary Session - Wealth Creation Perspective**  
*Illinois Street Ballroom*
- **Sam Cordes**, Co-Director, Purdue Center for Regional Development; and
  - **Steve Gunderson**, President & CEO, Council on Foundations.
- 12:15 - 1:30 pm    **Lunch**  
*Grand Hall*
- 1:30 - 2:15 pm    **Third Plenary Session - Economic Development in Rural America: An Outcome Focused Approach (New Paradigms and New Practices for New Times)**  
*Illinois Street Ballroom*
- **David Terrell**, Executive Director, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs; and
  - **John A. Molinaro**, Associate Director, Aspen Institute Community Strategies Group.

2:15 - 2:30 pm      **Networking Break**  
*Milwaukee Alcove*

2:30 - 4:00 pm      **Concurrent Sessions: Regional Frameworks and Wealth Creation/Retention**

2:30 - 3:10 pm      **Regional Frameworks:**

*Nickel Plate Conference Room*      Research Topic: Rural Economic Competitive Report

- **Ellen Harper**, Southwest Community Liaison, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs;
- **Christine Nolan**, Senior Associate, Purdue Center for Regional Development; and
- **Dr. Thayr Richey**, President, Strategic Development Group (SDG).

*B & O Conference Room*      Policy Topic: Indiana WIRED Project

- **Gerry White**, Northwest Community Liaison, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs; and
- **Mark Smith**, Project Administrator, Purdue Center for Regional Development.

*Milwaukee Conference Room*      Best Practices Topic: Agribusiness Development

- **Jill Rateike**, West Central Community Liaison, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs;
- **Brian Bergen**, Regional Agriculture Development Specialist, Eastern Indiana Economic Development District; and
- **Pam Leisure**, Director, Rush County Chamber of Commerce, Rush County Agriculture Round Table.

3:10 - 3:20 pm      **Networking Break**  
*Milwaukee Alcove*

3:20 - 4:00 pm      **Wealth Creation/Retention:**

*Illinois Central Conference Room*      Research Topic: Transfer of Wealth Study

- **Jill Rateike**, West Central Community Liaison, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs;
- **Jenny Kloer**, Director, GIFT Program; and
- **Richard Creger**, Program Associate for GIFT, Indiana Grantmakers Alliance.

*C & O Conference Room*      Policy Topic: Community Foundations and Economic Development

- **Gerry White**, Northwest Community Liaison, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs;
- **Kerry Conway**, Executive Director, Greene County Community Foundation;
- **Bud Walther**, President/CEO, Community Foundation of Jackson County; and
- **Maggi Spartz**, President, Unity Foundation, LaPorte County.

*Wabash Conference Room*

Best Practices Topic: Entrepreneurship Changing Business

- **Phil Anderson**, Executive Director, Indiana Rural Development Council, Inc.;
- **Tom Dull**, Dull Tree Farm; and
- **Adam Moody**, Moody Meats.

4:00 - 4:15 pm     **Networking Break**

*Milwaukee Alcove*

4:15 - 5:15 pm     **Fourth Plenary Session - Rural Entrepreneurship/Innovation**

*Illinois Street Ballroom*

- **Robert White**, State Director, USDA-Rural Development; and
- **Angie Cantrell**, President/CEO, Appalachian Center for Economic Networks (ACEnet).

5:30 - 6:30 pm     **Reception**

*Grand Hall Bar*

**Thursday, November 15, 2007**

7:00 - 8:15 am     **Vendor Breakfast**

*Milwaukee Alcove*

8:30 - 9:30 am     **Fifth Plenary Session - Building an Entrepreneurial Indiana: Challenges and Opportunities**

*Illinois Street Ballroom*

- **Robert White**, State Director, USDA-Rural Development; and
- **Dr. Deborah Markley**, Managing Director & Director of Research, RUPRI Center for Rural Entrepreneurship.

9:30 -10:00 am     **Keynote Speaker**

**Lt. Governor Becky Skillman**

*Illinois Street Ballroom*

10:00 -10:15 am     **Network Break**

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10:15 - Noon        **Concurrent Sessions on Regional Frameworks and Wealth Creation/Retention**

10:15 - 11:00 am   **Regional Frameworks:**

*Nickel Plate Conference Room*     Research Topic: Regional Initiatives

- **Jill Rateike**, West Central Community Liaison, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs; and
- **Jason Hester**, Central Regional Director, Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC).

*B & O Conference Room*

Policy Topic: Workforce Innovations

- **Keith Gillenwater**, Northeast Community Liaison, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs; and
- **Linda Woloshansky**, President, Center for Workforce Innovations.

*Wabash Conference Room* Best Practices Topic: Telehealth/Telemedicine

- **Matthew Crouch**, South Central Community Liaison, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs; and
- **John Winenger**, Regional Network Consultant, St. Vincent Health Systems.

11:00 - 11:15 pm **Networking Break**  
*Milwaukee Alcove*

11:15 - Noon **Wealth Creation/Retention:**

*Illinois Central Conference Room* Research Topic: Rural Entrepreneurship Study

- **Keith Gillenwater**, Northeast Community Liaison, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs; and
- **Dr. Maria Marshall**, Assistant Professor, Purdue University.

*C & O Conference Room* Policy Topic: "A Rural Economy in Transition"

- **Jill Rateike**, West Central Community Liaison, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs; and
- **Bill Konyha**, President/CEO, Economic Development Group of Wabash County.

*Wabash Conference Room* Best Practices Topic: Indiana Venture Capital

- **Matthew Crouch**, South Central Community Liaison, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs; and
- **Pat Bacon**, Business Manager, Indiana Venture Capital, Inc.

Noon - 1:00 pm **LUNCH**  
*Grand Hall*

1:00 - 2:00 pm **Sixth Plenary Session - "Entrepreneurial League System for Entrepreneurship"**

*Illinois Street Ballroom*

- **Sam Cordes**, Co-Director, Purdue Center for Regional Development; and
- **Dr. Thomas Lyons**, "Lawrence Field Family Chair in Entrepreneurship, City University of New York.

2:00 - 3:30 pm **Seventh Plenary Session - Indiana Rural Scorecard Panel**  
*Illinois Street Ballroom*

This panel is a "town hall" style discussion where conference participants will receive a brief "scorecard" from each participating organization.

- Moderator: **Dr. Thayr Richey**, President, SDG
- Panelists include:
- **John Clark**, Executive Director, Indiana Department of Energy and Defense.
  - **Martin Morrow**, Chief Operating Officer, Indiana Department of Workforce Development;
  - **Steve Smith**, Manager, Long-Range Transportation Planning Section, Indiana Department of Transportation;
  - **Charlie Sparks**, Director of Business Development, Indiana Economic Development Corporation;

- **David Terrell**, Executive Director, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs;
- **Robert White**, State Director, USDA - Rural Development;

3:30 pm

**Closing Remarks**  
*Illinois Street Ballroom*

**Robert White**, State Director, USDA - Rural Development